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Hamilton, N.Y., September 4,1920.

My dear Mr. Ryder;

It is some time since we have had any correspondance; the last being, I think, before the war. I am now writing because I note in the last Numismatist that you have two articles in the American Journal of Numismatics ; one on the Colonial coins of Vermonta and the other on the Copper coins of Massachusetts. I am writing to ask if these articles will be republished in pamphlet form, for, if so, I shall want to secure them, as I do not take the American Journal.

Cordially,

W. C. Eaton

Commodore, U.S.Navy.

September 14th, 1920.

Commodore W. C. Eaton,
U. S. Navy,
Hamilton, N. Y.

My dear Sir:-

I have your note of September 11th. Mr. Ryder's article has been reprinted, and can be secure at three dollars a copy. Reprints of this are now being held for Mr. Ryder himself as he has just written me that he will let me know what he wants done with them. Those that are for sale are the copies which we have ourselves. The three articles are all reprinted together. The one on the Connecticut Cents however being by the late Henry Clay Miller and not by Mr. Ryder.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator.

Hamilton, N.Y., June 13,1922.

My dear Mr. Wood;

Though formerly quite a number of letters have passed between us it is now some time since our last correspondance. I am writing now to ask if you can make any solution of a countermark on a half cent of 1835 I recently purchased. It consists of a crown over an X, somewhat thus. Being double struck it is somewhat difficult to copy exactly and refuses to adapt itself to a rubbing.

I sent tye coin to Mr. Duffield, at his request, thinking that with his articles on countermarks he might recognize it but he says he cannot and suggests that I write to you. I imagined it might be a countermark for some Portuguese colony as, taking the milreis as 50cts, a half cent would just equal 10 reis, but he says he thinks the crown was never used over the numerals on their countremarks. Have you any idea as to what it may be. Very cordially,

W. C. Eaton

Commodore, U.S.Navy.

Possibly there may be something in your valuable book concerning this coin but unfortunately my copy is packed up.

June 15th, 1922

Commodore W. C. Eaton, U.S.N.
Hamilton, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt of your letter of June 13th is acknowledged.

Mr. Wood is recovering from an operation at present, and it may be several weeks before he can return to his duties here.

Your question regarding the countermarked half-cent of 1835 must, I fear, await Mr. Wood's return, as I am unable to locate anything like it in his article on the Coinage of the West Indies. There are counterstamps there of a crowned ten (10) but not of a crowned X. I believe there are similar counterstamps on Spanish copper pieces; and it is also probable, as you suggest, that the coin may have been counterstamped for Brazilian circulation..

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

September 1st, 1922

Commodore W. C. Eaton, U.S.N.
Hamilton, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

As Mr. Noe wrote you, I was away at the time your letter of June 13th arrived. I have just gotten back.

I really cannot help you out on the attribution of your counterstamp half-cent. To my knowledge, I have seen no description or illustration which in any way would give me a solution.

Regretting that I am unable to send you a more satisfactory reply, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E